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Applicants : Mark A. EMALFARB *et al.*

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For : CHRYSOSPORIUM CELLULASE AND METHODS OF USE

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 30, 2000. A request and fee for a 3-month extension of time is enclosed herewith, in order to extend the time for a response to December 30, 2000. Applicants acknowledge the courtesy of a telephone interview with the Examiner on December 29, 2000, in which the Examiner indicated that amendments to pending but withdrawn claims would be considered.

An information disclosure statement, with form PTO-1499 and attached references, is submitted herewith.

Prior to consideration of the following response, please enter the following amendments.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

67. (Amended) A method for producing a composition having neutral and/or alkaline cellulase activity, said method comprising growing a [wild type or] mutant fungus of the genus *Chrysosporium* in culture in a suitable medium.

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